

**City of Northville**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 20, 2010**

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 p.m. in the City of Northville Municipal Building, City Council Chambers, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Mayor Christopher Johnson, Councilmembers Douglas Bingham, Nancy Darga, Michele Fecht

**Absent:** Mayor Pro Tem James Allen (excused)

**Also Present:** City Manager Patrick Sullivan, City Clerk Dianne Massa, Police Chief Gary Goss, Housing Director Sherry Necelis, reporter from the Northville Record, reporter from Patch.com, and one citizen

**PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Citizen Comments**

A representative from Repurpose, 133 W. Main Street, spoke of the HGTV series “Cash & Cari” currently being filmed in downtown Northville. The series will premiere on January 3, 2011 at 10:00pm, with a premiere Hollywood event being held at Northville Square, 133 W. Main Street, beginning at 8:00pm. The City Council was invited to attend the premiere event.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion Darga, seconded by Fecht** to approve the agenda and consent agenda as presented.

Approve City Council Minutes of:

- Regular Meeting of December 6, 2010

Receive Bills List: Checks #72673 to #72733 EFT's #500037 / #500038,  
Checks #72734 to #72871

Receive Board and Commission Minutes: None

Receive Departmental Reports:

- Fire: 8/10

- Youth Assistance: 12/10

Board and Commission Appointments: None

2011 Buy Michigan Festival Contract

Sub-recipient Agreement for Wayne County CDBG 2010-2015

**Motion carried unanimously.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Purchase of Replacement Police Vehicles**

The Police Department has six marked patrol vehicles that it operates and maintains for general patrol duties, special events, and emergency response. The Department proposes to replace the two 2006 police units that were converted to administrative vehicles. The 2007 models currently in use as fully marked patrol units will be stripped to replace the 2006 administrative vehicles with the 2006 models to be auctioned. The equipment from the 2007 models will be used to fully equip the new 2011 marked patrol units.

It was noted that this is the final year that the Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor will be available as a police unit. As such, it is to the City's advantage to purchase these vehicles since all the equipment from the current Crown Victoria units will convert to the new cars. In the future, the City will need to purchase new equipment in order to fully equip the new model police units.

The Police Department compared two competitive bids from Oakland County and Macomb County. This year Oakland County did not receive a bid for the Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor. As such, only Macomb County has a competitive bid. It was noted that the price from Signature Ford has not increased for the past two years. The listed options are the same as specified in prior years and the price from Signature Ford for a single unit is the same as last year at \$20,791. A comparably equipped Crown Victoria, as listed on the State's MiDEAL bid, is \$29,300.

The approved budget includes \$58,000 for the scheduled replacement of these vehicles. The above listed cost is within the budgeted amount and leaves sufficient funds for the equipment change over. The purchase of these vehicles is consistent with the replacement schedule recommended by the Rehmann Robson organizational review.

*Council Comments and Discussion:* Further explanation was given pertaining to the competitive bidding process. In response to questions, it was also explained that due to the new police car models being introduced to the market, the City will likely refrain from purchasing the any of the new models until more information and feedback is obtained from surrounding communities. This information would be used to analyze the pros and cons of the new vehicle models. It was also noted that the cost of the new police cars will increase as the City will need to purchase new equipment to equip each new model/make police vehicle.

**Motion Darga, seconded by Fecht** to approve the purchase of two 2011 Ford Crown Victoria Police Unit from Signature Ford in the amount of \$41,582. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **A. Mayor and Council Communications**

Discussion ensued pertaining to moving the start time of the January 3, 2011 regular City Council meeting to 5:30 p.m. to allow City Council to attend the world premiere event for the new HGTV series "Cash and Cari" being filmed in downtown Northville.

**Motion Darga, seconded by Fecht** to change the time of the January 3, 2011 regular City Council meeting to 5:30 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Mayor and City Council extended Happy Holiday wishes to everyone.

**B. Staff Communications** None

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned.

**Adjournment: 7:44 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Dianne Massa, CMC  
City Clerk

Approved as submitted: 01/18/11

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Christopher J. Johnson  
Mayor